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# The Rutland Sculpture Trail

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## *On the cover: Ann Story Marble Sculpture on West Street*

The Downtown Rutland Sculpture Trail is a celebration of the Rutland Regions history featuring prominent figures throughout time. The sculptures also pay homage to the once-thriving marble industry that put Rutland on the map in the late 1800's.

The trail is made possible by a collaboration between the Carving Studio and Sculpting Center, Green Mountain Power, MFK Properties, and Vermont Quarries.

**The sculptures in this calendar are presented and numbered in the order they were placed.  
The cover photograph was taken by Barbara Giffin.**

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## 1 - Stone Legacy

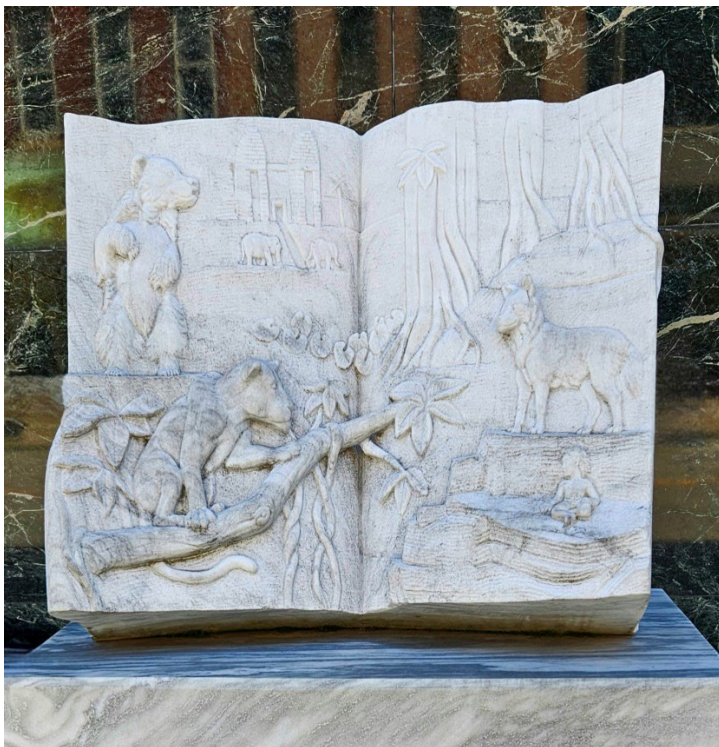
Thousands of Immigrants from Ireland, Italy and across Europe helped make this region an epicenter of the marble industry. Quarries drew workers and artists to Rutland County starting in the late 1700's. By the late 1800's, Vermont Marble Company was one of the world's largest business's, with 4,000 employees. The company, a cornerstone of the local economy, essentially built Proctor.

Local quarries, including what is now Vermont Quarries, produced stone for iconic buildings and memorials, including the U.S. Supreme Court, Jefferson Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and thousands of grave markers in the Arlington National Cemetery. Today, Vermont Quarries' Danby Quarry is the worlds largest underground quarry, 1.5 miles deep.

This sculpture is a tribute to the industry, those who built it, and its legacy in Rutland County. Designed by Kellie Pereira and carved by artists Stephan Shaheen, Alessandro Lombardo and Andrea Ingrassi, it is one in a series honoring regional history, planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties, and Green Mountain Power. It was funded by MKF Properties and GMP, and donated to the City of Rutland.

# JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Battle of New Orleans	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 <b>America</b> 250! Battle of Cowpens 1781	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



## 2 - Kipling in Vermont

Rudyard Kipling wrote *The Jungle Book* while living in southern Vermont in 1893. Originally a series of short stories published in magazines, the stories were combined into a book in 1894.

*The Jungle Book*, a beloved story for generations, has been adapted repeatedly, inspiring novels, comic books, children's storybooks, several animated and live-action films, radio productions and music.

Kipling's Dummerston, VT., home, Naulakha, where he wrote *The Jungle Book*, was named a National Historic Landmark in 1993.

This sculpture, one in a series honoring local and Vermont history and planned through a collaboration by The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties and Green Mountain Power, was created by Barre artist Sean Hunter Williams. This sculpture was funded through a generous grant from Phoenix Books Rutland, and donated to the City of Rutland.



# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Super Bowl	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday
23	24	25	26	27	28	



**3 - Andrea Mead Lawrence**  
1932-2009

Andrea Mead Lawrence, a Rutland native and America's only Olympic skier to win two gold medals in one year, at 19, was also a renowned environmental advocate. Sports Illustrated ranks her as Vermont's No. 1 athlete ever, and Olympic documentarian Bud Greenspan deemed her "the greatest Winter Olympian of all time."

Lawrence worked for decades to protect American Mountains and waters, and founded the Andrea Lawrence Institute for Mountains and Rivers, a nonprofit focused on preserving the Sierra Nevada. In 2011, President Obama signed the Mount Andrea Lawrence Designation Act, naming a 12,240-foot peak along the John Muir Trail "Mount Andrea Lawrence." She attributed her environmental passion to the joys of growing up on Pico Peak, where she learned to ski.

Designed by Kellie Pereira and carved by artists Stephen Shaheen, Alessandro Lombardo and Andrea Ingrassia, this sculpture is one in a series honoring regional history, planned through a collaboration by The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties and Green Mountain Power. It was funded by John and Sue Casella and donated to the City of Rutland

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 <b>America 250!</b> Battle of Dorchester 1776	3	4 Town Meeting Day Vermont became 14 <sup>th</sup> state - 1791	5 <b>America 250!</b> Boston Massacre 1770	6	7	8
9 Daylight Savings Begins	10	11	12	13 <b>America 250!</b> Westminister Massacre 1775- VT	14 Pi Day	15 Ides of March
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Spring!	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29 National Vietnam Veterans Day





#### 4 - Ann Story 1741-1817

Ann Story was a pioneer and Rutland settler, a widowed mother of five, and a Revolutionary War spy and hero. After moving to Salisbury, she supported the Green Mountain Boys, providing food, advice and information.

Fearless in the face of danger, Ann Story starred down the gun of Tory spy Ezekiel Jenny. When he threatened to kill her if she didn't inform on the Green Mountain Boys, she called him a coward, and he left emptyhanded. She sent her son Solomon with a message, written on a page from her bible, to Ethan Allen at Fort Ticonderoga, which led to the capture of Jenny and other British spies. They were imprisoned till the wars end.

Ann Story is remembered for her hard work, resourcefulness and bravery, a symbol of the many women who helped shape Vermont. This sculpture was created in memory of Evelyn Gammons Costello of Rutland and her children, Richard, Bartley, Elizabeth, John, Edward, Evelyn Virginia, Joan, Mary, Joseph and Evelyn, and was funded by their descendants. Costello, pregnant with twins, was widowed in 1928.

Like Story, Costello was determined, intelligent and strong, and instilled in her children the importance of education, compassion and service. Her oldest son became a father figure, went to work and demonstrated unconditional love, dedication and the value of labor. His siblings became nurses, business, community, and military leaders, a doctor, a lawyer, and a judge. As America owes a dept of gratitude to Ann Story, the Costello family is indebted to Evelyn Gammons Costello and her children for great lives led by example.

This sculpture was designed by Amanda Sisk and carved by Evan Morse and Taylor Apostol. It is one in a series honoring regional history through a collaboration by The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties, and Green Mountain Power.

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 National Library Workers Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Passover
13 Palm Sunday Thomas Jefferson's Bday	14	15 Tax day	16	17	18 Good Friday	19 <b>America 250!</b> Lexington and Concord 1775
20 Easter	21 Earth Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



## 5 -The 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment

The 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment, the first African-American regiment formed after the Emancipation Proclamation, included dozens of Vermonters, 20 enlisted in Rutland, many born in Rutland County.

The regiment helped debunk military beliefs that African Americans were unsuitable for service.

This sculpture is dedicated to the 54<sup>th</sup> and all African American men in Vermont who served in the Civil War.

“When victory is won, there will be some black men who can remember that, with silent tongue and clenched teeth, and steady eye and well-poised bayonet, they have helped mankind on to this great consummation.” President Lincoln said.

“I fear, however, that there will also be some white ones, unable to forget that with malignant heart and deceitful speech, they strove to hinder it.”

This sculpture, created by Don Ramsey, is one in a series honoring regional history and planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties, and Green Mountain Power. It was funded by Rutland regional Medical Center, and donated to the City of Rutland.

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Loyalty Day	2	3
4  Star Wars Day	5  Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8 V-E Day America 250! Major Beach Run	9 <b>America 250!</b> Bivwac for Capture of FT Ti.- Castleton Parade 6 pm	10 <b>America 250!</b> Capture of Fort Ticonderoga 1775
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31



## 6 - "Bill W"

William G. Wilson, known as "Bill W", co-founded Alcoholics Anonymous, which has affected millions of lives. Born in Dorset, he moved to Rutland in childhood, and credited his upbringing here with instilling the traits that determined his success in life. "It was during this period that I can see how my willpower and distinction, later to keynote my whole life, was developed," he said.

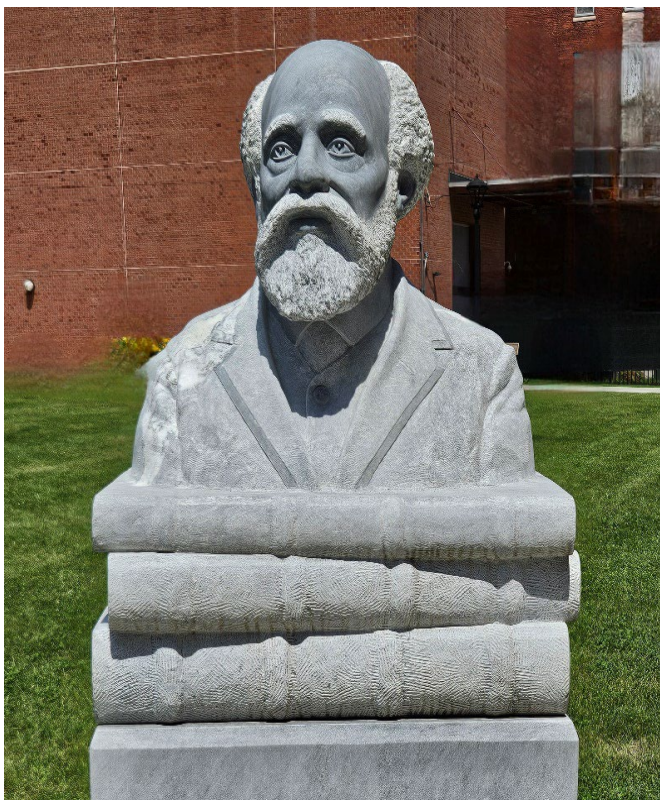
Wilson gained sobriety in 1934, and co-founded AA in 1935. A doctor's statement that alcoholism was an illness rather than a character flaw, as was incorrectly believed at that time, led Wilson to write some of the core tenants of AA and the 12 Steps. He died in 1971, was buried in East Dorset, and was named by "Time Magazine" as one of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's 100 most influential people.

This sculpture, designed and created by a team including Alessandro Lombardo, Kellie Pereira, and Stephen Shaheen, is one in a series honoring regional history and planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties, and Green Mountain Power. It was funded anonymously, and donated to the City of Rutland.

# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday, Susan!	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17 <b>America 250!</b> Bunker Hill Day 1775	18	19	20 Summer!	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>America 250!</b> Battle of Monmouth Court House 1778
29	30					





## 7 - Martin Henry Freeman

Rutland native Martin Henry Freeman was a ground-breaking African American educator and abolitionist. Born May 11, 1926, Freeman was tutored by East Parish Congregational Church's Rev.

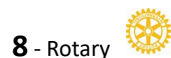
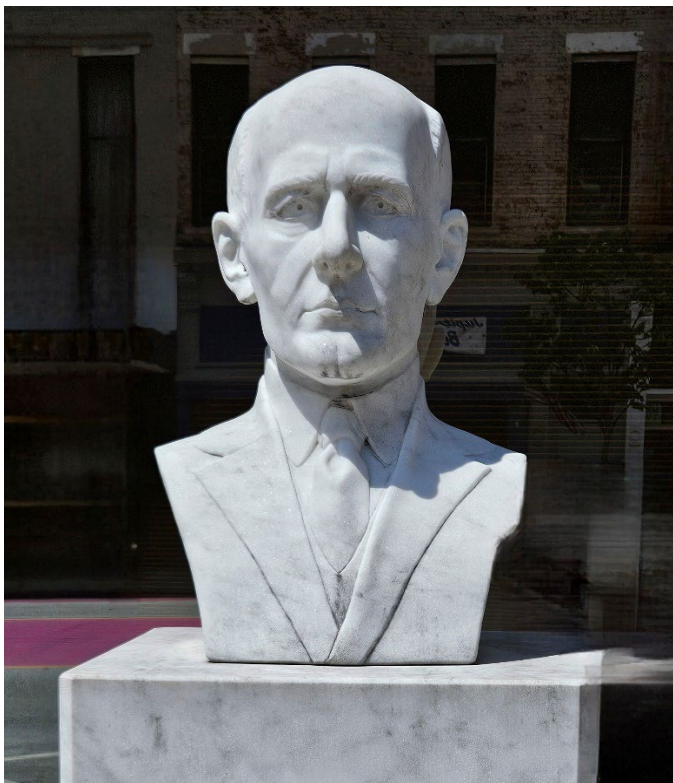
William Mitchell, and was among the first African American to attend college in Vermont, graduating from Middlebury College as salutatorian in 1849.

He was the first African American professor and president of an American college, and a leading advocate for African American education in the 1800's. The grandson of a slave who gained freedom fighting in the Revolutionary War, Freeman became a professor in 1850 and president of Allegheny Institute near Pittsburgh in 1856. During the Civil War, in 1864, he emigrated to Africa, where he was a professor and later president of Liberia College until his death in 1889.

This sculpture, designed by Mark Barnett and carved by Don Ramey, is one in a series honoring regional history and planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties, and Green Mountain Power. It was funded by the Wakefield family, Jennifer and Fred Bagley, and Donald Billing and Sara Pratt, and donated to the City of Rutland.

# JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7 <b>America</b> <b>250!</b> Battle of Hubbardton 1777	8 <b>America</b> <b>250!</b> Constitution for the Republic of Vermont -1777	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Korean War Veterans Day	28	29	30	31		



8 - Rotary

Paul Harris 1868-1947

Wallingford native Paul Harris founded Rotary, one of the world's most successful humanitarian organizations. After college and law school, Harris settled in Chicago. Longing for the kind of camaraderie he enjoyed in Rutland County, he started the first Rotary club in 1905 so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Rotary quickly developed a focus on service. From working to eradicate polio to taking action to improve local communities, today 1.2 million members of Rotary clubs worldwide live by two mottoes: Service Above Self and One Profits most Who Serves Best.

The sculpture, designed by Amanda Sisk and carved by Evan Morse, is one in a series honoring regional history, planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties, and Green Mountain Power. It was funded and donated to the city of Rutland by the Rotary Clubs of Rutland City, Rutland South and Killington, VT, and Dalton, MA; Rutland Blooms; Mary Moran; and an anonymous donor.

# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Purple Heart Day	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <b>America</b> <b>250!</b> Battle of Bennington Day 1777	16
17 Navajo Code Talkers Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  31	25	26 Women's Equality Day	27	28	29	30



**9 - Julia Caroline Ripley Dorr**  
1825-1913  
Author and Philanthropist

Rutland resident Julia Caroline Ripley Dorr was a prolific author, her career lasting into her 80s and spanning the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Her form was diverse, ranging from poetry and nonfiction, to novels, magazine articles, and travelogues. Nature was a dominant theme in Dorr's life and writing. The dress design here was inspired by her poem "Over the Wall," a celebration of the Earth and its joys. It highlights many of the Vermont flora and fauna embodied in Dorr's poem.

Dorr was an early and strong advocate for women's rights and education, and a community leader. She founded the Rutland Free Library and the Grace Congregational Church's woman's cultural group, Fortnightly, which she led for 33 years.

This sculpture, designed by Amanda Sisk and carved by Evan Morse, is one in a series honoring regional history and planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, Vermont Quarries, MKF Properties, and Green Mountain Power. It was funded by Joan Gamble, Mary Moran, and Mary Powell, and donated to the City of Rutland.

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 V-J Day	3	4	5	6
7 National Grandparent's Day	8	9	10	11 9-11 Remembrance <b>America</b> <b>250!</b> Battle of Brandywine 1777	12	13
14	15	16	17 Constitution Day	18	19	20
21	22 Autumn	23	24	25	26	27
28 Gold Star Mother's Day	29	30				





**10 - Redfield Proctor**  
1831-1908

Redfield Proctor was a business and military leader, locally and nationally. A lawyer, he enlisted in the Union Army at the outbreak of the Civil War. He mustered out as a colonel from the 15<sup>th</sup> Vermont Infantry after the battle of Gettysburg.

He became manager of Sutherland Falls Marble Company in 1869 and founded the Vermont Marble Company in 1880. Under his leadership, Vermont Marble Company became one of the world's largest and most celebrated marble producers. The stone for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, the US Supreme Court, Lincoln Memorial and the United Nations was produced in Proctor.

He served as lieutenant governor, the 37<sup>th</sup> governor of Vermont and was Secretary of War under President Harrison, where he was credited with improving morale and conditions for Army soldiers. He served in the US Senate from 1891 until his death.

The sculpture, designed by Kellie Pereira and carved by Evan Morse and Tyler Apostol, is one in a series honoring regional history, planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, MKF Properties, Vermont Quarries, and Green Mountain Power. It was funded by Mark and Nancy Foley.

# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>America 250!</b> Victory at Saratoga 1777	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day	14	15	16	17	18
19 <b>America 250!</b> Victory at Yorktown 1781	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31  Halloween	



## 11

Rutland journalist Tom Fagan, with help from comic book authors and illustrators, made the Rutland Halloween Parade into an international phenomenon featured in more than two dozen comic books worldwide. DC's Batman was an early parade favorite, and Fagan, dressed as Batman, appeared with the caped crusader Batman 237 in 1971.

Fagan launched a superhero theme the second year of the parade and his friends in the comic book industry traveled from around the country to attend, bringing rare superhero costumes to the downtown spectacle.

The sculpture, designed by Jiannan Wu and carved by Alessandro Lombardo, it is one in a series honoring regional history, planned through collaboration with The Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, MKF Properties, Vermont Quarries, , and Green Mountain Power. It was funded by Heritage Family Credit Union, GMP, Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Davey Tree Expert tree Company, Downtown Rutland Partnership, Four Season's Sotheby's International Realty, PEGTV, Channels 1075, 1085 and 1095, Rob and Colleen Mitchell, Russ and Renee Marsan, Rutland Blooms, Sara and Greg McClallen, Steve and Jane Costello, and TPW Management.

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# November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Daylight Savings ends	3	4 Election Day Please vote!	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29



## 12 - Ernie & Willa Royal

Ernie Royal was “Jackie Robinson” of the Food Service Industry. “He broke barriers and inspired hundreds of people of color...to build careers and own restaurants” He was the first black restaurant owner in Vermont. He moved to Rutland, Vt and in 1963 he opened Royal Hearthside, which was a local institution until it changed hands in 1994

Royals was a success from the start, with his wife, Willa, creating a welcoming dining room and Ernie commanding in the kitchen and visiting nearly everyone who entered.

Ernie was the first African American to join the board of directors of the National Restaurant Assoc. He was named to the African-American Chefs Hall of Fame posthumously in 2017, 100 years after his birth. Ernie and Willa helped hundreds of people of color get their first jobs, fulfill professional dreams, and change their lives.

During that time, he mentored a number of youth African in his kitchen and established a scholarship for Black students at The Culinary Institute of America.

The sculpture was funded by Casella Construction, Norm Cohen, Jane and Steve Costello, Gerry Fernandez, Green Mountain Power’s charitable fund, Melinda Humphrey, Foley Services, Roots and The Bakery, Rutland Blooms, the Rutland Branch of the NAACP, and Ted Balestreri.

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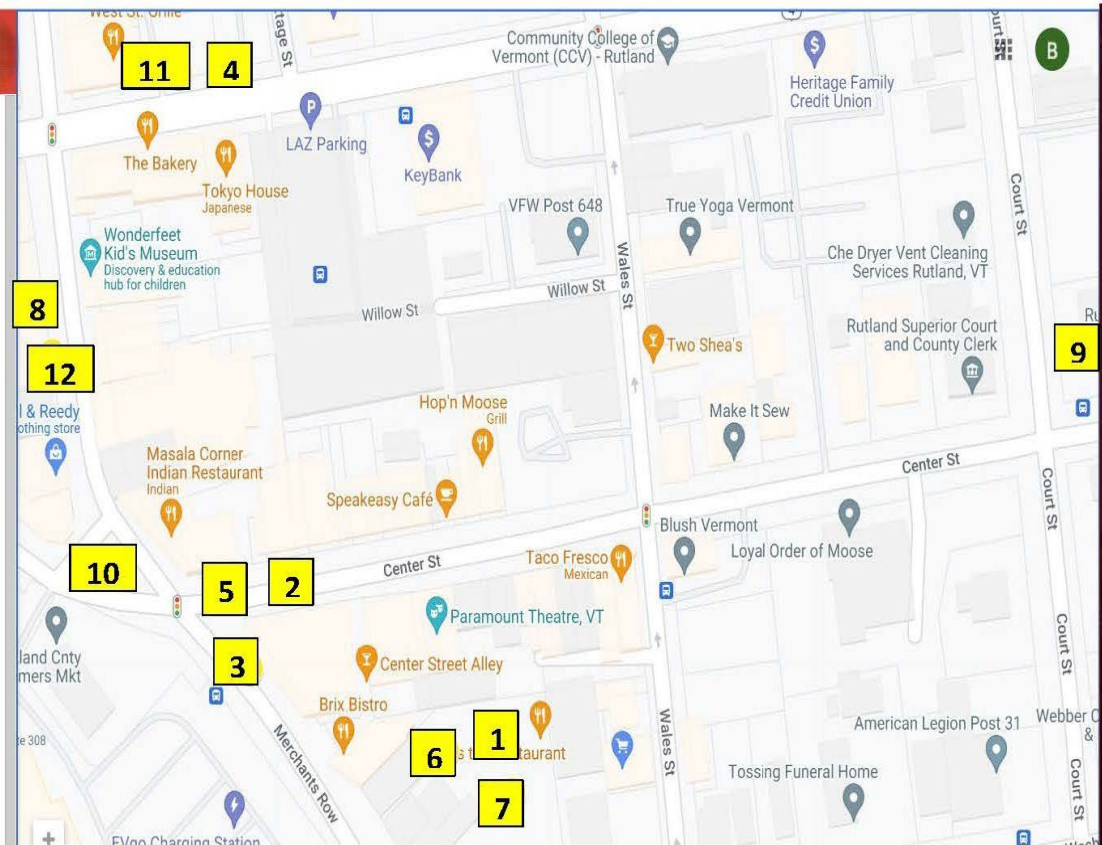
# DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Hanukkah Begins	16	17	18	19 <b>America 250!</b> Valley Forge 1777	20
21 Winter	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 <b>America 250!</b> Battle of Trenton 1776	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			



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